## SILVE FINGS

"Back to the basics"

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## Weather



Today High: 66, Low: 45 AM Showers



Saturday High: 65, Low: 39 Partly Cloudy



Sunday High: 70, Low: 46



Monday High: 70, Low: 46 Partly Cloudy

## **News Briefs**

#### **BCC Luncheon**

The Base Community Council will hold a lunch meeting at 11:30 a.m. October 27 at the Columbus Club. The base will present a summary of all the projects that were funded during our record end of year close out. Please RSVP to the Public Affairs office by Monday at 434-7068.

#### **Youth Center Fall Festival**

The Youth Center Fall Festival will start at 5 p.m. October 29.

#### **Enlisted Promotions**

The next Enlisted Promotions Ceremony will be at 3:30 p.m., October 30 at the Columbus Club. Come join the BLAZE Team in congratulating the 14th Flying Training Wing's newest enlisted promo-

## Inside



Feature 10

SUPT Class 10-01 graduates today at 10 a.m. at Kave Auditorium.





U.S. Air Force Photo/Sonic Johnson

Columbus AFB Team members pause during the Mississippi Diabetes Association's local walk for diabetes Sunday at the City of Columbus River walk. R-L, CMSgt Rich Brackett, 14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant, Mrs. Leslie Watkins, wife of 14th FTW commander Col. Roger Watkins, Mrs. Debbie Brackett, Mrs. Marti Ross and husband Col. George Ross, 14th FTW Vice Commander and Monica Johnson, daughter of Sonic Johnson, 14th FTW Public Affairs Officer represented Columbus AFB and carried the Year of the Air Force Family banner during the four-mile

## 'Week' of the Air Force Family festivities set to start Nov. 1

Second Lt. Erik Svendsen

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

July 2009 to July 2010 has been designated the "Year of the Air Force Family" by the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

November 1 will mark the beginning

of a weeklong celebration including vari- The Air Force has a long tradition of takous activities supporting the pillars with ing care of our people and this year will more activities to follow throughout the focus on improving upon that tradition.

bers, officers and enlisted, DoD civilians, Wellness; Airman and Family Support; spouses, and children, as well as communi- Education, Development, ty partners and retirees and their families Employment; and Airman and Family are all included in the year-long event. Housing.

The Air Force Family is built around Active Duty, Reserve and Guard memfour pillars of excellence: Health and

#### COLUMBUS TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II PHASE III WING SORTIE BOARD Aircraft Required Flown Squadron Annual Senior Squadron Track Select Squadron Overall Class Overall Graduation Squadron Class Overall Graduation Sauadron 1.791 T-6 2,206 1,791 49th (10-BB) -1.64 days -1.15 days 37th (10-11) -2.95 days -4.18 days Dec. 11 48th (10-02) -0.86 days -0.73 days Nov. 17 T-1 667 644 644 41st (10-10) 0.49 days -3.44 days Nov. 17 50th (10-01) 0.00 days -1.71 days Oct. 23 T-38 654 561 561 The graduation speaker is Col. George H. Ross III, 14th Flying Training Wing Vice Commander. IFF 134 125



# SUPT Class 10-01 earns silver wings





A-10, Boise, Idaho ANG



TBD, Singapore

Second Lt. John Davis Fresno, Calif.

First Lt. Dinesh George John



TBD, Singapore



First Lt. Aaron Koh Yunkai





Second Lt. William Groth MC-12/NSA, Cannon AFB, N.M.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 10-01 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

The graduation speaker for the class will be Col. George Ross, 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander. He is responsible for day-to-day operations of base support functions and mission activities of more than 3,100 people, an operations and maintenance budget of \$110 million and capital assets and equipment exceed-

ing \$740 million. In addition, the wing supports seven associate units and provides essential contingency mission support for Air Education and Training Command, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

> Second Lt. Ian Osterreicher, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Audrey McCabe, T-1 received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lt. Christopher Brown, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Scott Mixdorf. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Lieutenants McCabe and Osterreicher were named the distinguished graduates of Class 10-01.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight. The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the single-

Twenty-three officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be engine, turboprop T-6A Texan II at Columbus AFB, Miss. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation

Primary training takes approximately 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 hours in the T-6A aircraft.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

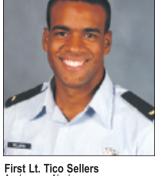
Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission. Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the

T-38C Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation. Training takes approximately 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground training, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 hours in the T-38C aircraft.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place Beech Jet 400 business jet. Instruction centers on crew coordination and

management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 hours in the T-1A.

Each class is partnered with two business or civic organizations during their year of training. This program is designed to foster closer ties between the community and Columbus Air Force Base. Today, each student will be given a set of pilot wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good luck from their partners. Class 10-01s pilot partners are Columbus Kiwanis Club, and Columbus-Lowndes Second Lt. Travis Harvey Development Links Military Affairs Committee.



First Lt. Tico Sellers Anchorage, Alaska B-52. Barksdale AFB. Lou.



Second Lt. William Cerat Jamestown, N.Y. C-17. McGuire AFB, N.J.



Second Lt. Christopher Brown San Antonio, Texas T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.



Second Lt. Lars-Kristian Hinrichsen U-28, Hurlburt Field, Fla



T-1, Columbus AFB, Miss



Second Lt. Andrew Lawrence Oakdale, Calif. MC-12/KC-135, Kadena AB, Japan



Second Lt. James A. Diroff Orlando, Fla.

KC-135, MacDill AFB, Fla

Second Lt. David Lessani Half Moon Bay, Calif. C-130, Pope AFB, N.C.



Second Lt. Audrey McCabe C-17, Hickam AFB, Hawaii



Second Lt. David Miller UAS, Cannon AFB, N.M.



Second Lt. Scott Mixdorf Waterloo, Iowa KC-10, Travis AFB, Calif.



A-10, Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.



Second Lt. Thomas Plasterer Las Vegas, Nev. KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kansas



Second Lt. Peter Robinson KC-135, Fairchild AFB, Wash.



Second Lt. Elizabeth Welch KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.



Second Lt. JohnRoss Wendler C-17, Elmendorf, Alaska



Secretary of the Air Force Public Master 5gt. Russell Petcoff

the most popular computer password is?

the most common password is "123456." the every sneaky "p@ssword." Turns out, My guess would have been "password" or air, space and cyberspace."

one choosing that password. Another popular password is "IIIII." My home computer: Wow, that will surely baffle cyber crooks.

computer systems and identity while — Keep firewalls turned on. Firewalls computer has the latest protection. The think about their efforts to protect their antivirus\_homeuse.htm.

Schwartz wrote about the importance of have basic firewalls installed.

the fight is on, today," they wrote. "Every ware removal tools.

with the all-too-familiar picnic table.

dent by my new tank, I aced that board. Though I was longet my supervisor, he more than likely knew what I was pare me for the senior airman below-the-zone test. As evi-tarmac with a big grin on my face. Although he was no ments and correct the hijinks of a very young man.

"I don't need this anymore," I told him.

ognizing that our actions and activities on using "standard user" accounts. conduct ourselves as 'Cyber Wingmen,' rec- software. At all other times you should be WiFi hotspots.

Security Month. It's time for everyone to https://www.jtfgno.mil/antivirus/ I bring this up because October is Cyber ees can download free antivirus programs at NCSA officials Servicemembers and government employ- could become: oYcp4estF," according to

Donley and Chief of Staff Gen. Norton the Internet. Both Windows and Mac OS X — Be careful what you download. Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. from sending out your personal data over daily automatic updates. keep out hackers and prevent any malware best solution is to have the computer set for

"Cyberspace is a contested domain, and spyware and adware. Look for spyware/mal- attachment from someone you don't know tool. Not all antivitus software removes anti-virus software. Never open an e-mail cyber security in a memorandum dated — Install a spyware/malware removal can circumvent even the most vigilant

Airman must become a cyber defender, Administrator accounts on your computer Airman holds the key to success, and every — Don't use an administrative account. people you do know.

Register by Nov. 4 with TSgt Charles Year of the Family Chili Cookoff Base families offered a variety of activities

Game nights

shop on a making a decorative faux fireplace Nov

closed Dec. 2 to Dec. 19 for installation of new

erage for \$5.95. Non-members are \$6.95. The

6" hot Pastrami sandwich, choice of side and bev-

Nov. 3 during lunch. The half-Bryson features a

National Sandwich Day Special

The Columbus Club offers this family night

All you can eat pizza buffet

offer. For more information, call 434-2507.

Trip to the Civil Rights Museum

er for one hour lane rental at the Bowling Center.

a special sandwich honoring Colonel Bryson call 434-2934.

Home Décor Workshop

Bowling Center closure

mation, call 434-2490.

The Arts and Crafts Center is offering a work-

If you use a laptop, there are additional

security considerations, according to

— freat your laptop like cash.

Keep it locked with a security cable.

— Use a non-descript carrying case.

Password protect your system.

Be sure to install the updates to ensure your

- Mark or engrave your name and telelaptop and keep it safe.

- Report theft to local authorities Carelessly downloading e-mail attachments phone number on it.

data breaches and identity theft. Commission (www.ftc.gov) to learn about Information section of the Federal Trade

ually on Air Force networks. We must all big changes to your system, or install new coffeehouse. NCSA officials warn users of should be a way people lead their lives. whether acting as part of a team or individ-should only be used when you want to make while enjoying a "cup of joe" at the local cyber security either at home or at work. It Many people like to surf the Internet

the new stripes looked on my uniform. We discussed multi- my wife's first name. To fulfill the void of poor leadership, impressed with my progress and commented on how well about my home life or my desires and sadly, few even knew As we sat there, Sergeant Ashcraft told me he was they were never as engaged as he was. They never asked me I grumbled, turned around and headed to an overhang forgot the times Sergeant Ashcraft and I sat at that picnic

Flash forward roughly a year later. I walked across the He was someone who would praise my positive accomplish-In the months before, as we drove around the flightline made my next rank. I was a bit dumbfounded, but as always, both grew up in our Air Force, he became my big brother: stripe into my shirt pocket and told me to carry it until I family. In the early years, he represented my dad, and as we pulling pins, checking fuses and making sure the airplane and began to stand. As I did so, he slipped a staff sergeant Ashcraft. I was part of his family: the Air Force ing for another special duty assignment. I smothered a scoff table, I realize that I was more than just a subordinate to

I later took an assignment and moved on, but I never troops. sonal history. I challenge you to do the same with your then revealed a technical sergeant stripe. He told me to Airman and left a positive and indelible mark on my per-He congratulated me with a hard pop to the arm and ship style. He took the time to lead a young, often unruly, believe we can all copy some of Sergeant Ashcraft's leaderwith the constant deployments and shortages of people, I about to say. I pulled the staff sergeant stripe from my shirt him for being a strong supervisor. While it's hard today Overall, he shaped the person I am today, and I thank

talk or quiz on Air Force customs and courtesies, or worse - be it making rank, moving to another base or even applywas hot. I was sweaty, and I was in no mood for another pep and he began to stress that I could do whatever I wanted - times. MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE, Idaho — It finances. The conversation quickly turned to a pep talk, give me one of his pep talks to carry me through the rough ple topics including my home life, progress in college and I would often contact Sergeant Ashcraft, and he would

Returning to the aircraft maintenance unit, the launch pocket and pushed it into Sergeant Ashcraft's hand.

slipped my arm through the sleeve of my green uniform, I Van pulled into the shade, and I started to step out. As I

"Yancy, wait a minute. I want to talk with you," he carry it until I made technical sergeant, and I did. neard my boss, Sergeant Ashcraft.

motion fitness examination and ask me questions to pre-

on similar days, my supervisor would pull out a ragged pro-

yet, history. We'd been launching jets for several hours --

366th Fighter Wing History Office

The picnic table

grateful for his help, I was still in no mood.

was ready when the pilots took off.

rity tips. It's always a good idea to review tion, numbers and special characters. No doubt, everyone has read cyber secu- capital letters, lowercase letters, punctuato intercept your online activities. is even better. Your password should include et on our promise to fly, fight and win ... in minimum of 12 characters, however, more warn criminals can use the public network WASHINGTON — Do you know what Air Force mission. We will, in short, deliv- anyone can take. Use a password with a risks," according to NCSA officials. They impact our ability to execute the broader one of the most important security steps schools, libraries, etc. — carry the greatest the network affect every other Airman and — Choose a strong password. This is — free hotspots offered by coffee shops,

— Keep the operating system up to date.

guess is security is not on the mind of any- — Use Anti-virus programs, example, Only you can prevent forest fires' convert initial letters into a password. "For from a popular e-mail service by phishers. cials recommend the following tips for your choose an easy-to-remember phrase and into that. They researched passwords stolen them to heart. Air Force cyber security offi- one way to choose a strong password is to Believe it or not, some folks have looked these tips are new to you, hope you will take Alliance (http://www. staysafeonline.info/) them if you've read them before. And if According to National Cyber Security

— Keep it off the floor.

— Keep your passwords elsewhere.

— Backup important data before travel-

- Write down serial numbers to your

and be wary of forwarded attachments from immediately. Also, go to Consumer

So remember, you are the key to your

table. Throughout the years, I had multiple supervisors, but

someone I could glean advice from or share a thought with. As I reflect on my past and those times at the picnic

friends and join the club for some games and food ham, rolls and condiments, a dessert station, salad call 434-2505 or 434-7861.

the arts and crafts center. For more information,

The Arts and Crafts Center offers classes for

Child Development Center Parent per person and includes your burrito or salad with eligible and must be at least a freshmen in high

dates and receive information. Contact Martha

Christmas parties, contact the Child

includes transportation only. Admission tickets

Civil Rights museum Nov. 7. Cost is \$20 and

Trip to the Civil Rights Museum

The Information, ticket and tour office is

Effective Nov. 1, the winter hours of operation

begins Nov. 9 and ends Dec. 18. For more infor-

of registration. Open to ages 5 to 18. Season

Youth volleyball registration

Register at the youth center by Nov. 6. Cost

mation, call 434-2504.

If squadrons are in need of child care for

Development Center as soon as possible to set up

Program

Youth and Adult crafts classes

Mann at 434-2479 for more information.

Christmas time child care

mation, call 434-7932.

Burrito Bar

The 20th annual pumpkin carving contest offering a trip to Birmingham, Ala. To visit the

Children, ages 5 to 11, are \$4.95 and children 4

815.95 sign members and \$17.95 for nonmembers

from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 8. Cost is

p.m. Nov. 4. For more information, call 434-

vided. The meeting is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30

their child while in day care – lunch will be pro-

This forum provides an opportunity for par-

The Columbus Club is offering an adults only

may use your own pumpkin. All entries are due at

pick-up Oct. 28 for entry into the contest or you

at the Library. Free pumpkins will be available for

and under eat free. Non-member prices are vidual and squadron/group. One entry per cate- can be purchased at the door. The bus will depart

Admission tickets can be purchased at the muse- Freedom Park. Enjoy burgers, hot dogs and chips and Wednesdays and holidays closed. For more

Cost is \$20 and includes transportation only. cles at outdoor recreation, golf course and at p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to noon

bus will depart at 8 a.m. and return around 5 p.m. required. Open to all ages. Complete fun obsta- Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5

excellent opportunity for homeschoolers. The Freedom Park. Costumes are encouraged but not for outdoor recreation and ITT are: Monday

The information, ticket and travel office offers are co-hosting this second annual event starting Outdoor Recreation Winter hours:

The Fitness Center and Outdoor Recreation

flavor, consistency, spice and taste, atoma and creature and vote for the next horror movie night is \$35 per child. Must have a physical at the time

The Columbus Club offers a Horror Movie

Pumpkin Carving Contest

um. Must have at least 12 people registered to after the march. For more information, call 434-2507.

Monster March

Horror Movie Might

For more information, call 434-2490.

Halloween Bash

pagne, orange juice, teas, lemonade, punch and Youth Employment Skills (YES) information.

and drink specials. For more information, call buffet, stir-fry station, breakfast buffet, cham-

from 5 to 10 p.m. Oct. 30 and Nov. 6. Invite your roast beef, roasted chicken, carving stations with

register and pay by Nov. I. For more information, The Columbus Club is offering this brunch

pinsetters and lanes. For more information, call ents to get together and discuss ideas affecting

tuce and Grey Poupon mustard. For more infor- wrapping. Special bar menu and drink specials.

mi, tomatoes, red onion, pickles, tomatoes, let- tests in best costume, apple bobbing and mummy

of freshly baked bread piled high with deli pastra- Free admission. Enjoy music, dancing and con-

The Columbus Club's Indy's Restaurant offers 1 p.m. the day of judging. For more information,

for children 4 and younger. For more informa- Entries must have some form of carving. Sign up

\$12.95 for adults, \$6.95 for children 5-11 and free gory. Prizes awarded to the top 3 in each group.

Cost is \$10.95 for members and their children 11 There are two groups of competition: family/indi-

with pizza and games from 5-8 p.m. Nov. 13. judging is at 2 p.m. Oct. 29 at the Base Library.

this trip to Birmingham, Ala. Nov. 7. This is an at 10 a.m. Oct. 31. Register from 9 to 10 a.m. at

color. Winner in each category wins \$100 vouch- theme. For more information, call 434-2490.

individual/family. Chili will be judged on texture, ish drink specials. Come dressed as your favorite two categories of competition: squadron and Enjoy free popcorn, special bar menu and ghoul-

Thompson for this cooking challenge. There are Wight every Tuesday in October from 6 to 10 p.m

full Bryson is a foot-long sandwich. Each is made Halloween Party from 6 p.m. to closing Oct. 31

The bowling lanes, not the snack bar, will be Advisory Board Meeting

7. Cost is \$100 and workshop participants must Veterans Appreciation Brunch

The Columbus Club offering a game night and younger are free. Brunch menu featuring

## Tickets available play of the upcoming projects are in the lobby of 434.2479.

each. Take Home Crafts kits are \$3 each. A dis- day. For more information, call Martha Mann at

2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. All youth classes are \$5 children, ages 1-3 years of age. Cost is \$20 for the

youth and adult every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., time out every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for

chips, salaa and medium drink. For more infor- school. For more information, contact Mr.

to I p.m. Build your burrito or salad for just \$6.50 must be dependents of active duty air force to be

is available Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. 250 hours over all 4 years of high school. Teens

Whispering Pines Lunch time high school students to "bank" \$4 in grant fund-

have a minimum of 12 people registered to offer. "Pizza Cake". This five layer pizza cake is

at 8 a.m. and leave the museum at 3 p.m. Must Col. Ken Bryson takes a bite out of the

The burrito bar during lunch at the golf course function. Students may accumulate as much as

Ceyser Falls, and more. Call 434-2507 for more Alabama Adventure, the Dixie Stampede, and special occasion rides. For more information, Six Flags Over Georgia, the Memphis Zoo, Outdoor Recreation is offering riding lessons Studios, Dollywood, Sea World, Busch Gardens, discounted tickets for Disney World, Universal The information, ticket and travel office has

The child development center offers a parents

ing for every hour volunteered in an on-base

hour through the AF Aid Society. YES allows

gram for high school students that pays \$4 per

The YES Program is an on-base volunteer pro-

the challenge of eating the whole thing?

13 at ludy's. Do you think you are up to

the all you can eat pizza buffet November

bles. The "Pizza Cake" will be available at

sinţed mijp meals, cheeses and vegeta-

Building the world's best warriors, leaders and professional military pilots

## Advanced Composite Cargo Aircraft gets X-plane designation

**Derek Kaufman** 

88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Air Force officials have approved X-55A as the new designation for the Advanced Composite Cargo Aircraft.

The X-55A is a technology demonstrator for the design and manufacturing of future aircraft using advanced composite materials. The X-55A is a modified Dornier 328J aircraft with the fuselage aft of the crew station and the vertical tail removed and replaced with completely new structural designs. These designs are made from composites using new out-of-autoclave curing techniques. The test platform contains some 600 accelerometers and stress gauges.

The aircraft's first flight was June 2, 2009, at Air Force Plant 42 in Palmdale, Calif.

"We're extremely proud to have been awarded X-designation," said Barth Shenk, X-55A program manager with the Air Force Research Laboratory's Air Vehicle Directorate. "We hope to take this testing to the next phase to further mature our understanding of composite materials, how they behave in flight and how they age. This effort may drastically change the way we manufacture future military and civilian aircraft.

The strength, light weight, ease of manufacture and corrosion resistance are just some of the composite materials characteristics Air Force officials want to use the X-55A to explore, Mr. Shenk said.

The X-55A was made possible by a 10-year AFRL-led research and development investment called the Composite Affordability Initiative. Government labs including NASA worked collaboratively with industry to develop advanced materials and manufacturing technologies, Mr. Shenk said.

The ACCA was conceived by AFRL as a fast-track, lowcost development effort. Working with Lockheed Martin's for other technologies. Skunk Works, it was designed in 5 months, then built and flown 20 months after the go-ahead. The aircraft was built same size, according to Mr. Shenk

craft's maneuver envelope and recorded external aerody-



The Advanced Composite Cargo Aircraft makes its first test flight June 2, 2009, from Air Force Plant 42 in Palmdale Calif. The ACCA is a modified Dornier 328J aircraft. The fuselage aft of the crew station and the vertical tail were removed and replaced with completely new structural designs made of advanced composite materials fabricated

According to Mr. Shenk, the X-55A program has Test flights on July 13 and August 8 expanded the air-structed in two large half-sections (upper-lower) featuring 40,000. sandwich construction with MTM-45 skins and Nomex core, bonded together with adhesive and ply overlays along contributed to this article).

Phase III of the program was awarded to Lockheed the longitudinal seam rather than numerous frames, stiffen-Martin Sept. 17 and plans to fully expand the flight enve- ers and metal fasteners used commonly in traditional airlope and characterize the structure, examine reliability and craft. The vertical tail was designed using tailored stiffness longevity of the design and baseline the X-55A as a test-bed technology. These were joined with an existing Dornier 328J cockpit, wing, engines and horizontal tail.

Compared to the original metallic components, the already demonstrated the feasibility of designing and manu- composite structure uses approximately 300 structural parts at half the estimated cost of a conventional design of the facturing large, bonded unitized structures featuring low-versus 3,000 metallic parts for the original components and temperature, out-of-autoclave curing. The fuselage was con- approximately 4,000 mechanical fasteners compared to

(Robyn Dinwiddie of the Air Force Research Laboratory

## Airman helps Army get connected

Army Pfc. Melissa Stewart

Combined Joint Task Force-82

LOGAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan —

Staff Sgt. Jeremy Emond at Combat

"Here I'm supporting the warfighters at ground zero," Sergeant Emond said.

Although having Internet access may not really fast. Shoot, move and communicate is a Soldiers seem to be important, nearly everything from motto on the battlefield, but without stable tacking intelligence reports, planning opera- Airmen from around the world that deployed Internet connection, communication would tions and tracking troops outside the wire depend on Internet connectivity.

Soldiers communicate by providing Internet with most of my job I use SIPR," said Army access for Soldiers.

Daniel Bailey, a Headquarters Company, Task Force Spartan intelligence analyst. "Since he's come, everything has been

Sergeant Emond is one of nearly 80

"This is probably the most fun I'll ever have on deployment," Sergeant Emond said. "It's given me a chance to see how the war is being fought from inside a command post."

VSNAP is a system developed early this vear to provide Soldiers in remote locations with Internet connectivity.

"It's a great system because the disc can be to various locations in Afghanistan to operate set up in about 15 minutes and you can probthe virtual secret Internet protocol router, ably be passing traffic in a half an hour," "Before he came out here the (secure nonsecure Internet protocol router, access Sergeant Emond said. "It can pull power of a Outpost McClain does his part in aiding Internet protocol router) was really slow, and point, which provides much needed Internet running Humvee. You don't even need a generator to operate the system.

## VIEWPOINT

## Lorenz on Leadership - Cherish Your Spouse

General Stephen R. Lorenz

Air Education and Training Command

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Just last week, while walking past the base chapel, I witnessed a scene that caused me to pause and reflect. I turned and watched as people, dressed in their Sunday best, flowed from the chapel doors, smiling and casually chatting. They slowly split into two lines, creating a path that led to a waiting limousine. The crowd stood and waited, fueling my anticipation. Suddenly, a photographer burst from the doors, turned and captured a bride and groom as they ran outside. The crowd erupted with cheers. The bride, white gown flowing as she ran, paused to hug a friend. The groom immediately tugged at her hand, pulling her towards the waiting limousine. Without pause, they hopped in the limousine and the crowd again cheered as they sped away.

I couldn't help but smile as I watched the newly married military couple start their new life together. It made me think about our spouses and our military families. The Secretary of the Air Force and our Chief of Staff named this the "Year of the Air Force Family." In doing so, they hoped to bring more attention to the sacrifices our families endure and the service they provide our nation. I couldn't agree with them more - our families, especially our spouses, are the foundation that enable each of us to serve in the world's greatest Air Force.

I don't think anyone would argue the importance of having such a foundation. Our lives need balance and our spouses help provide that stability. I like to use the analogy that such balance is similar to the spokes of a bicycle wheel. You see, a bicycle needs balanced spokes in order to provide a smooth ride. Our lives are no different. I think of the spokes as the different priorities in our lives. If one of the spokes, like the relationship with your spouse, the needs of your children or the responsibil- them in return. Always strive to give more than you receive. ities at work, get slighted, the wheel no longer rolls the way it

that happen and must always make time to tell our spouses how relationship to drift apart. Never, ever take your spouse for much we appreciate them. When you're tired from the chalgranted. lenges at work, take a deep breath, walk in the door with a



should. It might even get to the point where it stops rolling trust and energy in a relationship is a full-time job. It's up to you the front steps of the chapel. to make it a fun job - for both you and your spouse. In a recent We must balance each of our life's spokes very deliberately article I talked about the danger of complacency in our profes-

smile, and tap your energy reserve to make a difference with the There are countless stories of spouses who go above and beyond time that you have. It only takes a minute to let them know stories of men and women who volunteer in the local commutation that our spouses provide at home. By cherishing your spouses how much you care - a simple squeeze of the hand, rub on the nity and pursue their own successful careers despite long days shoulder or a phone call during the day. Think about the things and deployments by their military spouses. There are even more your wheel can continue to cruise happily through life as well. that make you feel appreciated and loved. Do those things for untold stories about spouses who quietly make a difference

Our spouses make significant sacrifices each and every day. There are countless stories of spouses who go above and beyond - stories of men and women who volunteer in the local community and pursue their own successful careers despite long days and deployments by their military spouses.

every day. The story of the wife who, after a long swing shift, returned home to wake her family, cook everyone breakfast and send them all out the door before collapsing herself; the story of the husband who stayed up all night taking care of sick children so that his wife could go to work rested and ready. Resist the temptation to become accustomed to such acts of sacrifice and

These tremendous examples are often interrupted by the "other" stories. We've all done "boneheaded" things - forgotten important occasions, not paid enough attention to our spouse's concerns, tried to solve their challenges for them (instead of just listening sympathetically). Work hard to avoid these thoughtless acts in the first place. Be critical of yourself and the things you do. Your standard of excellence at work should be no different when at home. Lastly, when you feel your spouse has neglected you in some manner, it is best to forgive without pre-General Stephen R. Lorenz is the Air Education and tense. Put past grudges aside so that you can move forward together. After all, forgiveness is what you hope for after apologizing for those "boneheaded" things I just discussed.

As I turned to leave, the crowd had already forgiven the This isn't an easy thing to do. Maintaining the friendship, bride and grooms' hasty departure, and started to dissipate from

The couple was starting their life together, as a military team. I thought of my spouse, Leslie. We made a commitment and carefully. When we are balancing shortfalls and managing sional lives. The same goes for our personal lives too. Many peoto each other more than 34 years ago. We knew that our lives a limited amount of time, money and manpower, our spouses ple confuse complacency with comfort. Although comfort can would be better if spent together and have learned through the often are the ones who get short-changed. We can't afford to let help build stability in a relationship, complacency can cause a years to depend on each other in order to accomplish our goals.

For me, Leslie has been the key to keeping my wheel balanced. I've worked hard through the years to make each day Our spouses make significant sacrifices each and every day. with her better than the one before; to keep my wheel rolling smoothly. Our individual strength comes from the foundation and making sure they know how much you appreciate them.



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## Tech. 5gt. 5cott T. Sturkol for Operation Enduring Freedom Mobility Airmen continue peak pace

Barack Obama authorized an additional 17,000 troops to effort — an average of 70.45 million pounds of fuel offloaded SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, III. — When President more than 563 million pounds of fuel in the stepped up war Combined from February through September, tankers offloaded that number grew to 80.2 million pounds of fuel off-loaded. receiver aircraft as the surge was announced. By September,

"surge" into Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom in each month.

the Combined Air Operations Center has also tracked the volthey've done it with airdrops. Through the summer months, To move that many personnel, a concentrated effort in the and air refueling for Operation Enduring Freedom, but also Mobility Airmen not only stepped up their efforts for airlift

ering much-needed supplies and aid to American and coalition floating down from the sky over Afghanistan — directly delivlion pounds. That's more than 14.4 million pounds of cargo August with 4.8 million and again in September with 4.1 milfairly steady at the "pre-surge" state for Operation Enduring dropped, only to be beaten in July with 3.3 million, then In June, a record 3.2 million pounds of cargo was airume of cargo airdropped into Afghanistan at record levels.

"The Air Force is doing a great job and it's great to have them

The Air Force airdrops are providing needed support to

bundles — more than doubling the pace two years ago. a month, the Air Force is on pace to airdrop more than 12,700 Afghanistan. In 2009, with an average of about 1,065 bundles the Air Force airdropped 5,675 cargo bundles to troops in cargo and 32,400 passengers were moved in the Operation numbers of airdrop bundles delivered. As an example, in 2007, senger movement for Afghanistan. In March, 22,100 tons of The record number of pounds delivered also means record March, there was nearly a 75 percent increase in cargo and pastroop surge pace picked up dramatically. Between February and By March; however, the Operation Enduring Freedom

The efforts of mobility Airmen are not going unnoticed in sions — 538 in 2007 compared to a projected 435 in 2009. Additionally, the Air Force is doing this with less airdrop mis-Since March, that pace has continued to grow and AMC

In February, tankers offloaded 60.1 million pounds of fuel to out here."

passengers with a peak in May with 37,500 passenger move-Additionally in that time, mobility Airmen processed 202,300 and C-130 Hercules for Operation Enduring Freedom. mobility airlifters such as the C-5 Galaxy, C-17 Globemaster III September, more than 137,500 tons of cargo was moved by officials continue to meet that demand. Between April and

Enduring Freedom area of responsibility.

tons of cargo and 24,200 passengers were moved.

gers were moved by mobility aircraft while in February 16,720

Freedom. In January, 16,450 tons of cargo and 26,600 passen-

and passenger movements for January and February remained

Combined Air Operations Center in Southwest Asia, cargo

mobility airlift and air refueling community was needed.

February, mobility Airmen answered the call.

According to statistics from the U.S. Air Forces Central

Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

Combined Air Operations Center statistics show. steady increase in fuel offloaded as the year progressed, Afghanistan from the 101st Airborne from Fort Campbell, Ky. 135 Stratotankers and KC-10 Extenders have demonstrated a Chief Warrant Officer 3 James Wright, deployed to business moving the additional troops into Afghanistan. KC-(forward operating bases) and in the mountains," said Army Air refueling planes are also experiencing an increase in Soldiers in the field; getting people and parts to our guys in the

vide needed supplies to ground personnel. Globemaster III aircraft Sept. 2, 2009, over the southern region of Afghanistan. Pallets are being airdropped to pro-Air Force loadmasters assigned to the 816th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron conduct an airdrop from a C-17



# Hussa Isuxal Surring

It's vital you know the difference! There are three different methods people can use to report sexual assault.

### 1. Unrestricted

services for victim and victim receives medical care ♦ Sexual Assault Response Coordinator is contacted
♦ SARC Victim Advocate provides supportive

after investigation

misconduct on his or her part, such as underage

▼ Victim has confidentiality even if there is bilateral

course of action in cases of bilateral misconduct No confidentiality. Commander will determine Investigations and Law Enforcement are notified Victim receives counseling ◆ ◆ Chain of Command, Office of Special

## ◆ Investigation initiated

### 2. Restricted

- ▼ Victim can make unrestricted reporting decisions and victim receives medical care Sexual Assault Response Coordinator is contacted
- and Law Enforcement are not notified ♦ Chain of Command, Office of Special Investigations afterward
- services for victim ◆ SARC Victim Advocate provides supportive

### 3. Independent

an investigation may be launched. This can occur in conjunction with or regardless of restricted reporting. quently notifies OSI or Law Enforcement, or if someone observes the assault and notifies Law Enforcement, Third-party reporting is an inherit responsibility of all military personnel. If you tell anyone who subse-

### If Law Enforcement is contacted, the report is automatically unrestricted.

24/7 On-Call Hotline: (662) 364-0822 Office: (662) 434-2875 or (662) 434-1130 Cell: (662) 386-0811 Call the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at



Air Force Base, Wash. and was operated by a crew from C-5 Galaxy at Air Mobility Command. Charleston Air Force Base, 5.C., on Sept. 29 and flown to Afghanistan. The M-ATV will carry up to five Plumvees in Afghanistan. The M-ATV will carry up to five personnel: four plus a gunner. The C-17 is from McChord personnel: four plus a gunner. The C-17 is from McChord pix Force Base Wash and was operated by a crew from Air Force Base Wash and was operated by a crew from were loaded onto a C-17 Globemaster III and four onto a expected to be fielded over the next year. Three M-ATVs a day, where sealiff would require approximately 26 days. An order for more than 6,600 of the M-ATVs are of M-AIVs by Air Force aircraft can be accomplished in 2009, at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. Transporting a load resistant, ambush-protected all-terrain vehicle Oct. A C-17 Globemaster III loadmaster inspects a mine

## Search for missing pilot turns from rescue to recovery

**Rob Sexton** 20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. — The commander of the 20th Fighter Wing, Col. Joe Guastella, issued the following announcement Oct. 17 regarding Capt. Nicolas Giglio, missing since a mid-air collision Oct. 15:

"In spite of an intense search conducted by hundreds of professionals from the Coast Guard, Navy and Air Force, we have found no trace of Capt. Nicholas Giglio.

"However, our investigation of the mishap revealed that the mid-air collision itself was traumatic. The speed and geometry of the impact breached the canopy of Captain Giglio's aircraft and leads us to conclude the trauma he sustained was fatal.

"He never had the opportunity to eject.

"We will make every effort to recover Captain Giglio's aircraft and his remains. We are grateful to all those involved in

"We will continue to investigate the accident. The thoughts and prayers of all of us at Shaw are with Nicholas Giglio, his family, and his friends."

Captain Mike McAllister, U.S. Coast Guard-Charleston, announced this evening that the Coast Guard was suspending the search-and-rescue operation it has been conducting since



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Kathrine McDowel

Captain Michael McAllister, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Charleston commander, right, addresses the media with Col. Joseph Guastella, 20th Fighter Wing commander, Oct. 17. The joint service press conference announced that the search for a missing Air Force pilot involved in a mid-air collision Oct. 15, Capt. Nicholas Giglio, has been suspended and has turned into a recovery operation. The investigation of the mid-air collision revealed the impact breached Captain Giglio's canopy, causing fatal injuries.

## Association officials name military families of year

WASHINGTON — Seven families, one from each of the uniformed services, have been selected as National Military Family Association's 2009 Military Families of the Year for the roles they play in their communities and the way they embrace the military

"They're really all great," said Bailey Toombs, a National Military Family Association spokeswoman. "A lot of them are just really involved in the community and just go above and beyond."

The association serves the five branches of the armed forces as well as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Public Health Service.

To be nominated, or to nominate themselves, families must be associated with one of the services or be the family of a fallen servicemember, Toombs said. Active duty, reserve components, and retiree families of the Army, Navy, Air Force Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, or the commissioned corps of NOAA or the Public Health Service also

The seven families chosen to represent Marine Corps Family of the Year. When the their services are:

 Master Sgt. Wayne and Tech. Sgt. Thane Ojala and their family, of Las Vegas, are the Air Force Family of the Year. The dual-military family volunteers and says, "It's a good feeling to know we're contributing to something greater than ourselves." They view the challenges of military life as an opportunity to become closer as a family.

— Army Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Nolan and his family, of Fort Riley, Kan., are the Army Family of the Year. The family is active in its church, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, as well as the children's school and Nolan's command.

– Navy Lt. j.g. Joshua Caldwell and his family, of Kailua, Hawaii, are the Navy Family of the Year. The Caldwells have overcome many obstacles to get to where they are today. They regularly volunteer in the community and help to support hospital patients, homeless veterans and disabled youth.

 Marine Sgt. Dennis Leanes and his family, of Camp Lejeune, N.C., are the

sergeant is deployed, his wife and children throw themselves into serving their community. According to the family, they "have learned not to define ourselves by our challenges, but by our accomplishments.'

 Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Aaron Udland and his family, of Juneau, Alaska, are the Coast Guard Family of the Year. This family's passion is the Relay for Life fundraiser for cancer research. They've turned volunteering into a whole-family activity and love to spend time together exploring the wonderful activities that Iuneau has to offer.

Administration Family of the Year Cmdr. Shep Smith and family, are stationed at Norfolk, Va. They like to travel, participate in a community theater group, and stay involved in the NOAA Corps community. The Smiths are active participants in the NOAA Officers Family Association, helping to keep their small community strong.

— Public Health Service Family of the that improve their lives.

Year Cmdr. Dana Hall and the Horesh family, stationed at Overland Park, Kan., support local food banks because they are "working hard to teach our children that they have a responsibility to actively participate in the improvement of their community.'

The National Military Association's National Military Family of the Year will be chosen from among these seven families and announced Oct. 28 in Washington. The announcement, and presentation of awards by the service chiefs, will be made as part of the organization's 40th anniversary celebration.

The National Military Family - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association is a nonprofit organization committed to strengthening and protecting the families of the men and women currently serving, retired, wounded or fallen. It provides families of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Commissioned Corps of the USPHS and NOAA with information, works to get them the benefits they deserve, and offers programs

Brothers in arms march for cause

Force Base, Texas, to Hurlburt Field to honor fallen special operations forces members. and 12 other fallen special operations forces members.

to do and I felt like this was the best way to

ed to Colonel Spanovich.

"Timmy was my best friend and I just want-

Sergeant Davis' baton was carried by

the batons to Col. Steve Spanovich, the

Loved ones, friends and comrades of the

According to www.specialops.org, 336 Air

"Tim Davis' child will have an opportunity

fallen man's family) are always part of the

"When we lose somebody, it's like losing a

immediate financial assistance to special oper-

Additionally, the Warrior Foundation provides

sonnel killed in combat or training.

dren of all branches of special operations per-

tions forces members have been killed in

vides college educations to the surviving chil- whole time telling everyone to hurry up.

"It was nice to see all the support."

the home stretch of the trek.

"We didn't expect it to be this formal," said

Airman Jasmine Davis, assigned to the 1st

lined the streets leading up to the Special

Afghanistan in February while serving as a

these Airmen who marched in the memory of

pounds carried more than 800 miles all trav-

1st Special Operations Wing Public

that far with 50 pound rucksacks," said Senior er.

Operations Warrior Foundation, which pro- He would've been the guy at the front the

raise awareness and support for the Special well. (Sergeant Davis) would have loved this

controller and best friend to Sergeant Davis. Davis said. "Rucking was something he loved

Staff Sgt. Ryan Carter, a 23rd STS combat ed to give him something back," Sergeant

made me really proud to see them marching was there to escort the baton as it was present-

Special Operations Support Squadron. "It Sergeant Carter, and Sergeant Davis' family

Davis and support the marchers as they entered their final destination, where they presented

Tactics Training Complex to honor Sergeant fallen Airmen met the memorial marchers at

member of the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron Force, Army, Navy and Marine special opera-

march from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, to always take care of his children, and that (the

embarked on a 10-day memorial rucksack fallen brothers' family members know we will

across the special operations forces community guys have families ... and we want to let our

Airmen who sacrificed their lives in combat. controller and board member of the Special

eled for one cause: honoring special tactics brother," said Wayne Norrad, a retired combat

HURLBURT FIELD, Fla. — Five states, ations personnel severely wounded in overseas

Special tactics Airmen from here and Operations Warrior Foundation. "Most of our

Hundreds of members from Hurlburt Field action, leaving behind 384 children.

Staff Sgt. Timothy Davis who was killed in to go to college," Mr. Norrad said.

The journey was especially poignant for brotherhood."

12 men, 13 batons, 24 pairs of boots, 600 contingency operations.

"It's amazing that these guys could march Special Tactics Training Squadron command-

The two 12-man teams also marched to honor him and everyone else who has fallen as

U.S. Air Force photo/Drew Buchanan Special factics Airmen perform push ups after completing the 824-mile memorial rucksack march Oct. 16, 2009, at Hurlburt Field, Fla. The men marched from Lackland Air

23rd Special Tactics Squadron when Field when he was killed in action Feb. 20, 2009, at Hurlburt Field, Fla. The men marched from Lackland Air

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Twelve special tactics Airmen conclude an 824-mile memorial rucksack march Oct.

Hurlburt Field where the baton will be permanently displayed.

honored in an 824-mile rucksack march from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, to

23rd Special Tactics Squadron, and 12 other special operations forces members were

Hurlburt Field, Fla., Sergeant Davis, a fallen combat controller who was assigned to the

Special Tactics Training Squadron commander during a ceremony Oct. 16, 2009, at

A baton engraved with the name of Staff Sgt. Timothy Davis was presented to the

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Catholic

Protestant

Chapel News

some of the cast of Star Wars.

4:30 p.m. — Confession

5 p.m. — Choir Practice

3:45 p.m. — Choir Practice

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Sunday: 9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School

castle. There will also be a special visit from

There will be games, food, prizes and a bouncy

Party Wednesday, October 28 from 5-7 p.m.

Chapel Schedule

Functional Area TAB, select My Base and look

offered thru the AF Portal, under Bases-Org-

Sponsor. In addition, web-based training is

available for both Unit Intro Monitor and

effective sponsorship program and resources

Training focuses on the importance of a good,

for all Unit Intro Monitors and Sponsors.

provides great information on things happening

up, send an e-mail to AFRC@columbus.af.mil

Readiness Center electronic calendar. To sign

Center? Sign up for Airman and Family

being held at the Airman and Family Readiness

home of up-to-date information on events

Readiness Center. Participants will learn about

Wednesday at 1 p.m. Airman and Family

held daily at the AFRC; Pre-deployment at

deployment or a remote tour. Briefings are

sonnel who are deploying or returning from

Mandatory briefings for active duty per-

**Employment Workshop** 

There is an employment workshop every

Would you like to receive e-mails in your

Sponsorship Training

AFRC Calendar

regardless of where they attend school. For at your Airman & Family Readiness Center. For

Officer is to assist families ensure their chil. and ask to be added to the list. This calendar

The Columbus Air Force Base School local and base employment opportunities. For

without charge to your organization. For 9:30 a.m. and post-deployment at 1:30 p.m.

Liaison Officer works with local school dis- more information, call 434-2790.

more information, call 434-2631.

Next class will be on Oct 27 from 9-10 a.m.

The base chapel will be having a Hallelujah

Worship Service (Children's Church)

a.m. and takes approximately 30 minutes.

or retirement. Counseling held daily at 8:30

completed up to 12 months prior to separation

at least 90 days prior to separation and may

ing or retiring. Briefing should be completed

Pre-Separation Counseling (DD

the activities listed, call 434-2790 or email

wise specified. For more information about any of

-Airman & Family Readiness Center unless other-

Readiness Center

Airman and Family

2626 or 434-2624 to schedule an appoint

provided to appointment is made. Call 434-

a CAC, the appropriate application will be

identification number and an application for

email address, a six to eight digit personal

tification, government ("dot" mil or gov)

at the time of replacement: two forms of iden-

personnel will need to provide the following

Access Card within 60 days of it expiring. All

Officer at 434-2792 or via email

assistance, please contact the School Liaison

dren receive the best possible education

schools. The role of the School Liaison

children face as they transition to new

are aware, there are many unique issues our

installation. As parents of school age children

ian, military and contractor) assigned to the

tion for the children of ALL personnel (civil-

related to elementary and secondary educa-

tricts, schools, parents and students on issues

Inspection Section at extension 7233 or

more information, you can contact the

furniture turned in from other organizations

Look Area, which has used equipment and Base Supply. Inspection maintains the Last Brief

434-8844 or stop by the Saint Leo U. office in point of contact is the Inspection Section of Pre and Post Deployment Tour

**School Ligison Officer** 

Tuition items in the Last Look Area are available

(CCAF, that no longer have a need for the items. All

CAC Card Replacement

Members can replace their Common

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the

Form-2648)

Mandatory briefing for personnel separat-

If you are looking for that special piece of

Customer Support section of Base Supply,

guidance are available by calling the

Awareness (IDEA) Program. Advice and

Innovative Development Employee

accordance with AFI 38-401, The Air Force

lenge. Monetary awards will be given in

gible savings resulting from their price chal-

participate, and will be rewarded for any tan-

working. All personnel are encouraged to

Zero overpricing program-

via the Web at: www.drms.dla.mil.

contact Customer Support at 434-7178.

ply related matters. For assistance, you may

of contact when requiring assistance on sup-

Customer Support section is the single point

ordered? Did you receive the wrong part? The

Do you need status on an item you

Do you have a supply problem?

property. All other DRMO processing is done

Customer Support at 434-7178 to order the

434-7198 to check for authorization and

review the property, Stock Control at

Inspection Section at extension 434-7233 to

Supply. For more information, call the

they are still physically located in Base

ty that is marked for DRMO Facilities only if

9. Please call 434-2020 for additional infor-

Systems office located in Building 900, Room

along with instructions from the Telephone

numbers are required and can be picked up

fer (allotted time is 3.5 hours a week). Pin

every day or once a week; whichever you pre-

deployed location via DSU. You can call

telephone calls back home from your

a new system which allows you to place "free"

appointment only. Please contact Edward

and Wednesdays from I p.m. to 4 p.m. by

Assistance, etc.) is now available Mondays

Attention All Deployers

Hodge at 434-2562 to schedule.

Bachelor's/Master's programs,

Education counseling

the Personnel Bldg., Room 120.

**Education Counseling Hours** 

The 14th Communications Squadron has

DKMO as a sonice of supply

Authorized personnel may retrieve proper-

incentive awards

Overpricing is an issue everyone should be

Attention supply customer

located in Building 158, at 434-7178.

## Base News

The chapel will sponsor a Divorce

william.logan@columbus.af.mil. or if you have questions: 434-2500 or Chaplain Logan at the base chapel to register ing with issues surrounding divorce. Contact dependents that have dealt with or are dealwill be open to all CAFB personnel and perspective, but will be helpful for anyone. I will be approached from a Christian religious for dealing with divorce. The subject matter emotional, spiritual, and practical strategies p.m. starting October 20. The class will cover 8-0 mort sgninsve yebsəuT no sasısı yrevocey

## Pioneer Club

their children at dinner. served each week at  $\delta$  p.m. parents must join every aspect of life. A pot luck dinner will be gram geared to teach children about Christ in grade. This is an ecumenical religious proopen to children ages three years thru seventh evening 6 p.m. to 7:5 op.m. This program is program will be held each Wednesday for the children's program Pioneer Club. The The CAFB Chapel has begun registration

## Wednesday Evening Adult Bible

at 434-2500 for a list of studies. share if you are able. Please call the Chapel p.m., please bring a side dish or dessert to p.m. A Pot Luck dinner will be served at 5 ety of Adult Bible Studies from 6 p.m. to 7:30 The CAFB Chapel will be holding a vari-

once a month for a different kind of ladies and fellowship at the CAFB Chapel! Join us

Time to get together with the girls for fun

RefresHer

recipe, don't forget to bring a few copies of the books and cook up your favorite holiday November 12 - Time to dust off the cook ministry. We start at 6 p.m.

Library Story Time recipe to share. We'll fellowship, swap recipes

### Thursday from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Story The base library will hold Story Time on

Saint Leo U. Military Spouse Time will continue to be held each week.

Discount

third class for FREE. Contact Dew White at equipment or furniture for your office, your Leo U. can entoll in two classes and take a Military spouses seeking a degree at Saint

## Divorce Recovery Class

## 49th Fighter Squadron Association Reunion

Captain Nick Graham

49th Fighter Training Squadron

proudly hosted a reunion for the 49th Fighter Squadron call Friday afternoon. Association October 8-10 at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

mer members of the 49th from World War II to the present. er when the 49th Fighter Interceptor Squadron deactivated its Each year in October they hold a reunion at varying locations. F-106 mission at Griffis AFB, N.Y. His awe inspiring speech Over 50 members attended this year, including six World War covered 80-years of an Air Force life that started with a father II veterans, three of which flew the P-38 Lightning during the who was an Army Air Corps pilot in the 1920s. Mr. Ferris has

mander of the 49th Fighter Training Squadron. "This squadron scientist as he is an artist. has a strong heritage and it was great for all the current 49th FTS members to see it firsthand."

ence of Mr. Frank Mullinax, a 49th WWII P-38 pilot and for- initial T-38 flight. mer POW who recorded two Luftwaffe kills before being shot down and captured by the Germans. He spent nine months in this great heritage event and look forward to continued active

evading in the Italian mountains, finally making his way to a British patrol who helped him make his way back home. Shot down in December 1942, he finally arrived back in the US on The Black Knights of the 49th Fighter Training Squadron July 4th, 1944. He retold his heroic tale at the Hangmen's roll

The featured speaker at the reunion banquet was world-The 49th Fighter Squadron Association is comprised of for-renowned aviation artist Mr. Keith Ferris. Ferris was the speakera when the 49th referred to themselves as the Hangmen. flown in almost every USAF aircraft over the last fifty years Reunion events on base included four orientation flights in and has produced sixty paintings in the Air Force Art the T-38C IFF, base tours, T-38C IFF simulators, observing IFF Collection as well as several which hang in the Smithsonian. student training briefings and debriefings, a squadron cook out, He also produced a painting for the retirement of the T-37 a roll call, and culminated with formal banquet at the from SUPT which he presented at the retirement ceremony Columbus Club. Off base events for all participants included here in May, 2008. A signed copy of "The Right of Passage" evening meals at a variety of local restaurants and an historic now hangs in the lobby of the Columbus Club. He relayed homes tour in downtown Columbus. "Having the 49th FSA some of the details related to aircraft paint schemes he members and their families joins us at Columbus AFB for their designed and the mechanics and precision required to produce reunion was truly an honor," noted Lt Col Tor Dietrichs, com- his aviation paintings, clearly demonstrating he is as much a

Ferris was first invited to fly the T-38 at Randolph AFB, Texas in May 1963. Col Tor Dietrichs flew Mr. Ferris on his Attendees at the reunion were again honored by the presorientation flight on Friday morning, some 46 years after that

The Black Knights of the 49th are proud to have shared in captivity before escaping and spending another ten months support of the 49th Fighter Squadron Association.



49th Fighter Training Squadron hosted an enlisted forum for Columbus AFB enlisted Airmen and enlisted members of months in captivity in Italy during 1943 and 10 months the 49th Fighter Squadron Association during their reunion October 9 in the 49th FTS Heritage room.

"Having the 49th FSA members and their families joins us at Columbus AFB for their reunion was truly an honor," noted Lt Col Tor Dietrichs, commander of the 49th Fighter Training Squadron. "This squadron has a strong heritage and it was great for all the current 49th FTS members to see it firsthand."



Mr. Frank Mullinax, WWII era P-38 pilot and Capt. Nick Graham, 49th Fighter Training Squadron, extinguish the candle on the POW/MIA table at the conclusion of the 49th FS Association banquet October 10 at the Columbus U.S. Air Force Photo/Sonic Johnson Club. Mullinax was a former WWII POW who spent nine evading after his escape from a moving train.

#### 1-2-3, Play with Me!

children age birth to 4 years old, and so excited to report that Taggart's their parents and caregivers. The goal Auctions here in Columbus sold a of this program is for the library to wholesale lot of over 1,500 dresses to become a community hub for healthy Hudson Salvage LLC. Hudson's child and family development, parent picked the dresses up 30 minutes and community involvement and life- before The Cinderella Project was able long learning beginning at birth. The to submit a bid. Fortunately, Hudson program will consist of 5 hour long Salvage is an extraordinary company play times where the children will be able to engage in activities that will help strengthen their motor skills and social skills, as well as encourage early literacy. Volunteers are needed to work at various play stations (toy kitchen, puppet stage, costume center, building blocks station, etc...) while children and parents make their way around the room playing and interacting with "Gowns a Gal" and gets you 20 FREE the toys. Volunteers must love kids pizzas! We have a goal of 100 new and be able to interact with the par- dresses! Help us meet our goal! Your ents and the children. Call the contribution goes straight to our com-Community Volunteer Center at 328- munity! No money? No Problem! 0807 for more information.

### Cinderella **Fundraiser**

The Cinderella Project of Lowndes (662) 327-1671.

County is in full swing and we have 1-2-3, Play with ME! is designed for over 100 gowns donated to date! I am and is allowing a shopping committee from the project to "shop the warehouse" before the dresses are distributed to the stores. We have partnered with Papa John's in Columbus. They have provided us with Community Fundraiser Cards to raise as much money as we can before Oct 21 \$10 Donate your dress. Donations can be made and dropped off at Rob Naugher **Proiect** State Farm Agency at 202 Hospital Drive, Columbus, Ms 39705.

## CAFB Commanders tour school construction



Dr. Del Phillips III, Columbus Municipal School District Superintendent gave a tour of the new Columbus Middle School construction site to Col. Ken Bryson, 14th Mission Support Group commander and Col. Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, October 16. The commanders were shown the construction status and discuss future road layout and safety

## BARGAIN LINE

AROUND TOWN

The deadline for submitting ads is noon Monday before the desired publication date. Ads turned in after the deadline will run the following week. Ads can be mailed to or dropped off at the public affairs office in the 14th Headquarters building, e-mailed to silvernings@-1 to silverwings@columbus.af.mil or faxed to 434-7009. Calling Ext. 7068 by noon Monday can extend the run date of ads already submitted. Silver Wings reserves the right to limit ads based on content, space and frequency of requests. Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income may not appear in the Bargain ay, no. through ... Dispatch, Line. They may, however, be purchased Commercial 328-2424.

### Homes

For sale: 81 Azalea Trail, 3BR 2BA, just minutes to CAFB, features updated kitchen and baths, a great open multi-CD, fair outside, but solid win/dr locks, cruise, sliding rear glass, floor plan, large sunroom, beautiful mechanically w/ all records, 215K mileage 136k, excellent condition,

storm windows, FP with insert/blower, \$4,000. Call Chris @ 229-460-8497 or new roof and HVAC in 2007. Asking \$126,500. FMI call 405-919-2753.

### **Transportation**

For sale: 2006 Ford Explorer XLT; 55k miles, 3rd row seat, \$16,000 o.b.o. FMI call (662) 574-5558.

For sale: 2006 Victory Hammer Motorcycle, less than 5000 miles, 1624cc engine, 6 speed transmission, 300mm rear tire, performance exhaust, aftermarket tail lights, blinkers, and sories is \$11,500 asking \$11,000/obo. FMI call 662-269-4509 to see/ride it. For sale: 1997 Isuzu Rodeo V-6, 5spd, power opt., well maintained, 2nd owner, clean and trouble free. \$2,750 obo. FMI call 912-271-6521.

For sale: 1997 GMC 1500 SLE Vortec V-8 Pick up 4WD, Z-71, leather, SR5 Prerunner, X-tra cab 2WD, auto cruise, bed liner, towing package,

laminate flooring, new landscaping, miles. Great hunting truck, 1st 662 889-7796.

> Executive: Blue exterior, tan leather seats, new battery, 6 disk CD changer and front headlights. 4.6L V8 Auto. Smooth ride, excellent working condition. Make an offer. 662-425-4953 or

For sale: 2001 Lincoln Town Car

For sale: 2005 Yamaha Raptor 700R ATV for sale. Great condition!! \$4,000 OBO. FMI call 662-574-9764

For sale: Motorcycle 2006 Kawasaki ZX-14 Ninja, some extras, excellent license plate holder. Nada w/o acces- condition - \$6,900. Also, enclosed sport-bike motorcycle trailer - \$2,200 FMI call 600-238-3687

For sale: Tractor, Kubota 23 hours use, 50hp 2-wheel drive, with 6' disk, bush hog and box blade; \$13,500. FMI call

For sale: 2000 Toyota Tacoma, V6, w/od, tow-package, CD player, pwr

maintenance records available, o.b.o. Light oak colored queen sized Michelin X Radial LTs, \$6,900 o.b.o; panel bed, headboard, footboard, FMI call 918-519-2159.

### Miscellaneous

For sale: Olympic Queen mattress set with frame, \$350. FMI call

For sale: Kids Play Kitchen, Step 2 Lifestyle Deluxe Kitchen; clean, good condition; retails for \$219; sale price \$75 o.b.o. FMI call 662-574-9764. For Sale: Golf clubs-10.00; American

Touristor luggage, \$10 old rotary black phones (2), still work, \$20 each; two pair of roller blades \$5 each; field jacket w/liner Med. Long \$30; large stereo cabinet, has two glass doors, \$15; Dell PC monitor 16 incher, \$20; Accent amplified speaker system for PC, still in box \$12. FMI call 328-4374.

Moving sale: Dining room table, excellent condition Ashley Furniture cherry stained and black butterfly table with extension, eight barstool chairs included, retails for \$700; asking \$450

\$200 o.b.o. 1.5" queen sized Memory Foam mattress topper; \$50 o.b.o. Professional quality 10-seat poker table with built-in cup holders; \$200 o.b.o. Motivated Sellers! Contact

frame, box spring, mattress included;

662-549-7745 or 662-889-4264. For Sale: Baby items: double stroller,

side by side model, \$30; back carrier/stroller, folds in to a stroller or back carrier, great for traveling, \$40; baby gate \$10, Call 662-497-2175

### Saturday Yard Sales

Garage Sale: 5683 Wolfe Rd, 1 mile north of the Broken Spoke.- Saturday 24 Oct. 7:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. Multifamily; items include kitchen ware, queen size bed, shelves, lamps, bedding, stereo equipment, books and

## three, one to follow IFF Class 10-AB graduates



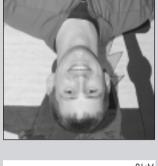
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1st Lt. Richard Olson



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## For a good cause



Maj Audrey Orek, 49th Fighter Training Squadron instructor, assists the Columbus-Lowndes Humane Society find homes for orphaned pets during Caledonia Day festivities Saturday.

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## Deployed BLAZE chaplain supports overseas operations



Chaplain (Maj.) Alan Chouest, 14th Flying Training Wing chaplain, currently deployed, speaks to members of the 55th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron. Chaplain Chouest provided warrior care to the members of the squadron through visitation, counseling and worship service.

## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING **DEPLOYED**

As of press time, 51 BLAZE TEAM members are de-ployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



## Stop loss Airmen eligible for compensation

Master Sqt. Russell P. Petcoff Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs Office

Airmen who were involuntarily held on active ment was suspended. duty beyond an approved separation or retirement date as a direct result of stop loss between Sept. 11, 2001, and Sept. 30, 2009, may be eli- ed Airmen. gible for a Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay compensation of \$500 for each month they 2010, to file their claim. were affected. Affected Airmen may start applying for compensation Oct. 21.

Act set aside \$534.4 million for the Retroactive tion from the Air Force Personnel Center Web Stop Loss Special Pay compensation authority. site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/stoploss, or Air Force officials used stop loss for Operation call the Total Force Service Center at (800) Enduring Freedom in 2001-2002 and 525-0102 for assistance. Applicants who were Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. The Stop serving in the Reserve or Guard at the time of Loss Program may have affected approximately stop loss may find an application by visiting the 39,000 current and former Airmen.

The Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay https://arpc.afrc.af.mil/vPC-GR/

Authority compensates servicemembers and members of the Reserve components who served on active duty while his or her enlistment or period of obligated service was invol-WASHINGTON — Current and former untarily extended, or whose eligibility for retire-

The payment is also payable to legally designated beneficiaries of deceased or incapacitat-

Eligible individuals have until Oct. 21,

To make a claim, eligible active, retired and former Airmen, or legally designated benefici-The 2009 War Supplemental Appropriation aries, may download a stop loss claim applica-Air Reserve Personnel Center Web site at

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## ANNUAL BLAZE TEAM HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN PATROL

Special to Silver Wings from the 14th Mission Support Group

As everyone knows, Halloween is just around the corner on Saturday October 31, and the safety of our "Trick-or-Treaters" will be paramount. Pinnacle identifiable ATV, bicycle and foot patrols will wear Property Management coordinated with Columbus BDU/ABUs with reflective vests and carry Security Air Force Base for "trick-or-treating" hours of 6 – 8:30 Forces radio and flashlights. If any suspicious events or p.m. on Columbus AFB. With a large number of children out and about, it is important to keep safety in mit information to Security Forces Control Center to

New construction areas in State and Magnolia

for display on the door. The paper pumpkins, in com- Happy Halloween!

bination with a lit porch light, will help parents and children determine houses participating in "trick-ortreat" activities.

**S**PORTS

The 14th Security Forces Squadron will again sponsor its annual "Pumpkin Patrol." These easily accidents occur, they will quickly respond and transcoordinate the appropriate response.

To augment on-duty Security Forces, military vol-Villages plus demolition and refurbishment areas in unteers are solicited from around the base and will be Capitol housing area are closed this year to protect the assigned to 2-person patrols. These volunteers will be safety of our "trick-or-treaters." A reference map will trained by Security Forces and assigned within each of be printed in next week's Silver Wings depicting the the housing areas. We are looking for approximately open/closed areas in the community. The housing area 20 to 30 volunteers to augment on-duty security forces speed limits are temporarily reduced to 10 mph while patrols. If you wish to volunteer, please call your First "trick-or-treating" hours are open and where children Sergeant, who will in turn, will call the Security are present, otherwise speed limits remain as posted. Forces Crime Prevention Manager, Ms. Jacalyn Pinnacle distributed paper pumpkins to residents Caisse, at 434-2595. We hope everyone has a safe and

## **Football Scores**

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Game 1: 14thCS W Game 2: Rapcon 28 14th CPTS

## **Sports Shorts**

**Biker Night:** The bowling center offers a free cheeseburger from 5 to 9 p.m. every Monday night during the months of September and October. Bring in your helmet and receive one free burger. For more information, call

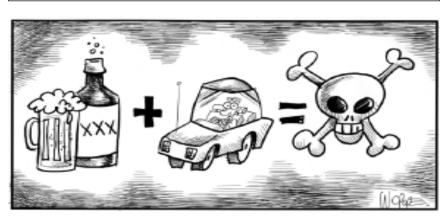
Winter bowling leagues: Sign up now - leagues available for the Thursday night intramural league, the Tuesday night mixed league and the youth league on Saturday mornings. If you would like to start a league, contact the bowling center for more information. Call 434-3577.

**Badminton tourney:** Register at the Fitness Center for this fun tournament at 1 p.m. Nov. 1. Recommend registering early but will take late entries the day of the event. For more information, call 434-2772.

Fright night no tap bowling tournament: The Bowling Center offers this fun event starting at 7 p.m. Oct. 31. Cost is \$10 per person and includes three games and shoe rental. Prizes awarded for best costumes. Register no later than 6:30 p.m. the day of the event. For more information, call 434-3426.

**Bowling Center closure:** The bowling lanes, not the snack bar, will be closed Dec. 2 to Dec. 19 for installation of new pinsetters and lanes. For more information, call 434-3426.

Wacky Glo BallGolf Tournament: The Whispering Pines Golf Course offers this fun tournament starting at 3 p.m. November 7. Cost is \$30 plus greens fees and includes 9 holes of wacky golf, taste testing and judging at every hole for the Year of the Family chili cook-off contest and then 9 holes of glo ball golf as soon as it gets dark. Register by November 1 at the Pro Shop.



#### Mon Tue Wed Thur Sat/Sun 31/1 28 29 26 Night Flying **BCC** Luncheon Pumpkin Amazing Race 11:30 a.m. @ **Carving Contest** Award Columbus Club 3:15 p.m. @ Base Ceremony Monster March Library Enlisted Ialloween Party Promotions 3:30 Youth Center Fall Festival p.m. @ Columbi Club Daylight Savings (fall 7/8 O Family Week, Nov. 1-7 Air Force SNCO 10-02 Career Day Induction Assignment Ceremony 6 p.m. Night 5 p.m. @ Columbus **Election Day** Columbus Club Veterans Day Parade 10 a.m.

### **Long Range Events**

Nov. 10 - OSC Social Nov. 11 - Veterans Day

Nov. 13 - Fun Run

Nov. 13 - Welcome Home Celebration Nov. 14 - Experienced Rider Course

Nov. 14 - Salute to Veterans football game-MSU

Nov. 16 - IFF Graduation

Nov. 17 - Class 10-10 Track Select

Nov. 19 - Dormsgiving Nov. 19 - Daedalians

Nov. 20 - Class 10-02 Graduation